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SUBJECT: THANOM RETURN - FINAL SITREP

REF: BANGKOK 20126

1. AFTER THANOM'S DEPARTURE TO SINGAPORE ABOUT 1300
DECEMBER 29, A CROWD OF APPROXIMATELY 2000 STUDENTS
REMAINED ON THE THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY CAMPUS. THE
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STUDENTS WERE AWARE THAT THANOM HAD LEFT, BUT WERE

TURNING THEIR ATTENTION TO URGING PUNISHMENT FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD ABETTED THANOM'S SURREPTITIOUS RETURN. THE CROWD DISPERSED AFTER 2000.

2. THE RTG HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE SINGAPOREANS INSISTED THAT THANOM'S STAY BE TEMPORARY AND THAT HE NOT ENGAGE IN POLITICS. SOME NEWS REPORTS SAY THANOM WILL STAY IN SINGAPORE -- AT THE THAI EMBASSY -- UNTIL HIS FATHER IS WELL ENOUGH TO TRAVEL FURTHER.

3. THE RTG IS STILL SMARTING FROM THE OBVIOUS INADEQUACIES OF ITS SECURITY SYSTEM, AND IS ESTABLISHING ALL THE USUAL COMMITTEES TO CLOSE LOOPHOLES. THE STUDENTS ARE TALKING ABOUT PREPARING CHARGES AGAINST THANOM, AND PARTICULARLY PRAPHAT CHARUSATHIAN AND NARONG KITTIKACHON, FOR IMMEDIATE FILING SHOULD ANY OF THEM MANAGE TO SLIP BACK INTO THAILAND.

4. WHILE THE EXCITEMENT MAY DIE DOWN SLOWLY, WE ANTICIPATE NO FURTHER SERIOUS PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE STUDENTS OVER THIS INCIDENT.
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